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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Director-Management  
National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : Request for Permission to  
Conduct Class at George  
Washington University on  
6 April, Using Only  
Unclassified Materials

I have been asked by Professor John P. Hardt, a senior research specialist on Soviet affairs at the Library of Congress and a friend of the Agency, to address his undergraduate class in Economics 134 (Comparative Communist Economic Systems) at George Washington University, 1310-1425 hours, Thursday 6 April. My subject would be the economy of China as a comparative economic system. I would identify myself as a CIA employee, state that my views were not necessarily those of CIA or the US government, and use only unclassified materials. The 25 senior/junior students include two foreign nationals, neither from a Communist country. I have conducted Professor Hardt's class previously. I have been identified as a CIA employee on numerous recruiting trips and at similar lectures at various educational institutions. An outline of my proposed lecture is attached.

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~~CHINA AS A COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC SYSTEM~~

(Outline for lecture to GWU class on 6 April)

1. Historical Background
  - a. A century of humiliation (1839-1949)
  - b. A series of revolutionary convulsions
2. Natural Resources
  - a. Land: Arid West, Dry North, Wet South
  - b. Water: Great eastward-flowing rivers, canals, lakes, coastal waters
  - c. Minerals: oil, coal, iron, mercury, tin, tungsten; reforestation
3. Human Resources: uniquely suited for tasks of econ development
4. Economic System: Soviet skeleton with Chinese flesh and blood
  - a. Public ownership of main facilities; petty private ownership
  - b. Collective decision-making, dominated by Communist Party
  - c. Command system of putting decisions into action
5. Industrial Sector
  - a. Impressive 9% growth rate and solid technological gains
  - b. Leading position of oil and electronics
6. Agricultural Sector
  - a. Irregular growth in output, at 2% rate of population
  - b. Organization in three-tiered communes
7. Foreign Trade
  - a. Source of modern machinery, grain, and industrial materials
  - b. Pay-as-you-go policy, now slightly modified
  - c. Switch to Western from Communist partners since 1950s
8. Quality of Life
  - a. Striking improvement in stability and security
  - b. Toilsome, spartan, regimented, egalitarian
  - c. Gradual rise in material standards
9. Looking Ahead: three problem areas
  - a. Red versus Expert issue
  - b. Dealing with increasing complexity in a command economy
  - c. Effective curbs on population growth

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